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SUBJ: GOM COMPLAINT ABOUT VOA HUMAN RIGHTS COVERAGE

- 1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA, CHIEF OF PRESS DIVISION, MOFA, SUMMONED INFORMATION OFFICER APRIL 6 TO EXPLAIN CONCERN ABOUT PURPORTED VOA BROADCAST IN PORTUGUESE ORIGINATING FROM QUOTE VOA BRASILIA UNQUOTE AND MONITORED AT 0700 BRAZIL TIME MARCH 23. ALLEGED STORY, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED IN VOA PORTUGUESE SERVICE TO LATIN AMERICAN, CITED THIRTEEN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MOROCCO, DECLARED INELIGIBLE FOR U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE BECAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.
- 2. IO EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS NO "VOA BRASILIA" AND THAT VOA CORRESPONDENTS REPORT FREELY WITHOUT USG INTERFERENCE. IO FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT IN ADDITION TO NEWS REPORTING, VOA CARRIES PRESS SUMMARIES AND OPINION ROUNDUPS WHICH DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT USG POLICY. ICA RABAT HAS REQUESTED VOA TO PROVIDE TEXT OF BROADCAST AND IDENTIFY NATURE OF PROGRAM ON WHICH IT WAS CARRIED.
- 3. POSSIBLE SOURCE OF BROACAST MIGHT BE ARTICLE ON HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION BY JOHN GOSHKO IN MARCH 23 WASHINGTON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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